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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support of the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. Since the inception of this lawsuit, enormous amounts of federal resources have been spent in court negotiations. During this time the technology industry has seen a significant decline in its markets. Given the current state of the economy, I believe that continuation of this lawsuit would serve only to waste more federal dollars. The settlement that was reached benefits consumers and the technology industry. I urge you to enact the settlement reached in November.

To expand, the settlement agreement most definitely supports the consumers of the tech industry. With the release of Windows XP, users will now be able to add and delete programs easily into the Microsoft system. In addition to this, Microsoft has agreed to disclose some of the protocols in the Windows system so that developers will design more compatible software. Microsoft has made many concessions in order to resolve this issue.

I would hope that the Justice Department recognizes the importance of enacting this settlement. Thank you for your time regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

William Underwood

cc: Representative Ric Keller